

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph [0027] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0027] The rheology modifier may be incorporated ~~into the polymer (a), or the polymer (c),~~ via a batch process as described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,311,622, 4,622,028 and 4,851,294, or, via a continuous process. Generally, the continuous process for preparing the rheology modifier comprises the simultaneous metering of the amine, the isocyanate, or the reaction product thereof, and the polymer (a), or the polymer (c), into a first high shear mixer to form a mixture as the ingredients flow into and through the first high shear mixer; continuously flowing the mixture into and through a low shear mixing stage; then continuously flowing the mixture into and through a second high shear mixer. Alternatively, the amine and the polymer (a), or the polymer (c), may be premixed prior to the first high shear mixing step.